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Pamela Smart, the former Derry resident who made national headlines when she was convicted of conspiracy for the 1990 murder of her husband, Gregory, plans to study criminal justice.

Smart, 28, has received a scholarship from the University of Alabama that she'll use to study the criminal justice system, SMART, Page 3



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according to published reports. She received the Sam Howard Endowed Scholarship from the university's College of Continuing Studies.

The scholarship, established in the name of a man who died in prison after being convicted of manslaughter, is awarded exclusively to inmates.

J. Albert Johnson, Smart's lawyer, reportedly said Tuesday that his client will complete the work through a correspondence course with the university.

Smart is serving a life sentence in a New York prison for her husband's murder.

A media coordinator for the Winnacunnet School District in Hampton at the time of the murder, Smart was charged with having a teenage student kill her husband.

The student, William Flynn, 15 at the time, testified that he was Smart's lover and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Three other students pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

Smart has maintained that Flynn acted on his own.